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1. JORDAN: Abdullah reiterates desire for peace with Israel--
US Charge Fritzlan in Amman reports that in a recent conversation King Abdullah again indicated a desire to achieve permanent peace with Israel. Abdullah expressed the opinion that the Palestine Conciliation Commission has failed in its task and that he should begin direct negotiations with the Israelis. The King added that the US and the UK should mediate in the matter and should "bring the Jews to their senses" so that Jordan might obtain a reasonable settlement based either on the 1947 partition plan of the UN or on compensation by the Israelis for their territorial holdings exceeding the partition boundaries.

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